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JOINT CITY COUNCIL/CITY COUNCIL AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO DISSOLVED REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY/COMMUNITY FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 10, 2017

CALL TO ORDER	The City Council/City Council as Successor Agency to Dissolved Redevelopment Agency/Housing Authority/Community Facilities Financing Authority of the City of Duarte met in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California. Mayor Finlay called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.
RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE	The following were in attendance: PRESENT: Fasana, Kang, Paras-Caracci, Reilly, Finlay ABSENT: None ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Cosgrove
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Paras-Caracci moved, Kang seconded to adopt the Agenda, as amended to consider Consent Calendar Item 10.E (Proclamation) as a Special Item, and carried unanimously.
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG	Lois Gaston led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
MOMENT OF REFLECTION	A moment of reflection was observed.
FITNESS/MENTAL WARM-UP	Karen Herrera and Finlay provided the warm-up.
SPECIAL ITEMS Proclamation–Red Ribbon Week	Mayor Finlay read and presented the Proclamation for Red Ribbon Week to Brian Villalobos, who provided information about the scheduled activities for the special week.
Recognition – Commissioners	Mayor Finlay presented plaques to outgoing Planning Commissioner Sheryl Lefmann and Economic Development Commissioner Niveen Elquindi, and thanked them for their service.
Recognition – Photo Contest Winners	Iliana Garcia provided information about the City's Photo Contest, displayed submitted photos, announced first, second, and third place winners Angela Serna, Nathan Kirschenbaum, and Alan Heller, and presented them with their prizes.
Mayor's Youth Council update	Samantha Martinez and Yesenia Chavez announced upcoming activities at the Teen Center for October and November.
Proclamation–Filipino-American History Month	Mayor Finlay and Councilmember Paras-Caracci read and presented the Proclamation for Filipino-American History Month to Jo-Ann Oloteo, and extended congratulations.
Presentation – "On the Duarte"	Claudia Heller introduced poet Rick Whelan, and presented a recorded rendition of his poem/song called "On The Duarte."
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Carter Spruill, SGV NAACP, announced meetings in Monrovia starting October 12, and banquet in Pomona on October 19.

Joanna Gee, Duarte Library, announced programs, classes, story times, clubs, and contests in October.

Karen Herrera announced upcoming community events, meetings, activities, and programs in October and November.

Sheryl Lefmann, Duarte Chamber, announced upcoming grand openings, meetings, and events in October.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda.
Captain Flores – Recent shooting at Encanto Park.
Lois Gaston – Thanked City Council and staff for kindness.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Reilly moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as follows, and carried unanimously.
Approve Items B, C, E, F.
Remove Items A, D.

ITEMS REMOVED
Item A – Minutes
ITEM A - APPROVED

There was discussion about the vote recorded for Resolution 17-44. Reilly moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to approve the Minutes of September 26, 2017, and carried unanimously.

Item D – Co-Sponsor Request
Duarte Rotary/Duarte Kiwanis

ITEM D – APPROVED

Brian Villalobos presented a staff report about the item. Reilly moved, Kang seconded to approve the request by Duarte Rotary Club and Duarte Kiwanis Club for City co-sponsorship of Corn Toss Tournament fundraising event to be held on November 12, 2017, at Encanto Park, and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING
District elections/Public comment

Mayor Finlay announced this was the time and place set to consider this item.

George provided a brief summary about the Public Hearing, stated this is the second of five Public Hearings to receive public comment, and introduced Alan Fenstermacher (Rutan & Tucker) and Robert McEntire (National Demographics Corporation), who presented information about schedules, criteria, maps, deadline, and communities of interest.

Notice of the hearing had been given, the affidavit is on file, and three maps were received and provided to the demographer.

Mayor Finlay asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on the item.

Steve Hernandez stated the high propensity voters may be the seniors, and that needs to be considered.

Fasana moved, Kang seconded to close the Public Hearing, and carried unanimously.

There was discussion about population numbers including all persons, not only voters, division of census blocks, number of districts, and availability of maps at meetings.

Mayor Finlay re-opened the Public Hearing.

Lino Paras stated in his opinion, the allegation of the lawyer is to make money, it doesn't apply to Duarte, he reviewed the CVRA and the court decisions, Duarte is unique and it doesn't apply, and stated he feels the threat is frivolous.

Mayor Finlay closed the Public Hearing.

There was discussion about Huntington Drive being included in all districts, City of Hope included with neighbors on the south and west, diversity of Councilmembers in the past, legislative judgment made in Sacramento, cul-de-sacs, hills, residents and the public encouraged to give input, suggestion that maps be available at Council Meetings and that they include the option of more than five districts, and the request to see precinct maps.

Karen Herrera displayed the City's website pages related to the district election process. Robert McEntire demonstrated the mapping tool on the City's website.

BUSINESS ITEM
Prop A fund exchange from the City of Bradbury

Kristen Petersen presented a staff report, and answered questions from Councilmembers pertaining to the going rate for exchange of Prop A funds and intended use of funds, and noted purchase of additional funds could be re-evaluated at mid-year.

Fasana moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to authorize the appropriation of $56,000 in general fund dollars for the purchase of $80,000 in Prop A dollars from the City of Bradbury, and to authorize the City Manager to execute the ensuing agreement, and carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Continued)

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda.
Steve Hernandez – Confidence, balance, fires in Napa County.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/ CITY MANAGER

GEORGE: Thanked staff's Social Media Committee for the photo contest.

PARAS-CARACCI: Congratulated the Chamber on its grand opening, thanked City staff, attended Foothill Unity Golden Plate awards, Angel Game supporting Duarte High School Choir, Kiwanis installation, and breakfast meeting with the Sheriff and Fire Captains, she hopes the information about homelessness could be presented at a public workshop, congratulated Duarte Rotary on its celebration, inquired about cars parked with for sale signs (Villalobos responded), stated Baldwin Park has signs prohibiting vehicles displaying for sale signs from parking on certain streets, contacted Public Safety about a shopping cart on the bike trail, and inquired about street sweeping parking restrictions across from Andres Duarte School (Villalobos responded).

REILLY: Attended Kiwanis installation, Rotary Governor's event, ribbon cutting at Chamber and Isshinkan Aikido, stated she would like a discussion about changing the date of the November reorganization meeting, as it falls after Thanksgiving

(Councilmembers noted it happened in the past, the date was not changed, and it was accepted as being based on the calendar), she spoke to Beardslee 5th graders about being on City Council, attended LAHSA session about homelessness, attended Contract Cities seminar, she would like us to look into a bicycle enforcement action, and encouraged residents to submit suggestions for proposed districts.

FASANA: Encouraged all to get flu shots, suggested setting up a webpage to see if residents are having issues with Spectrum internet and for data collection, suggested the possibility of ground lighting at Encanto Park could be considered in a future budget, some street lights are overgrown with trees, the entrance gate for the City of Hope bike path is by the maintenance yard, that is not what we envisioned, there is no signage, we need to see what needs to be done to finish it and to facilitate the bike path, and asked that the meeting also be adjourned in memory of Yolanda Mancilla and Tom Petty.

KANG: Stated he sees a lot of Target shopping carts used by homeless persons, inquired about requiring a locking mechanism (Villalobos responded), stated the 99 Cents shopping center parking lot is dark, there are no lights, it is dangerous and very unsafe, and we need to do something so the landlord will add more lights, he is not at ease with undercover agencies from other cities being responsible for a shooting in our City, and he had a great time riding the Gold Line with his kids.

FINLAY: Announced Southern California Economic Summit where the cost of housing will be discussed, she was able to speak about our mixed-use project, the CicLAvia in downtown L.A. was awesome, and read excerpts of letters from Royal Oaks School students about City government.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m. in memory of Brian Velez, Yolanda Mancilla, the 58 victims of the Las Vegas shooting, Tom Petty, and the victims of the recent California fires.

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Mayor Margaret Finlay

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City Clerk